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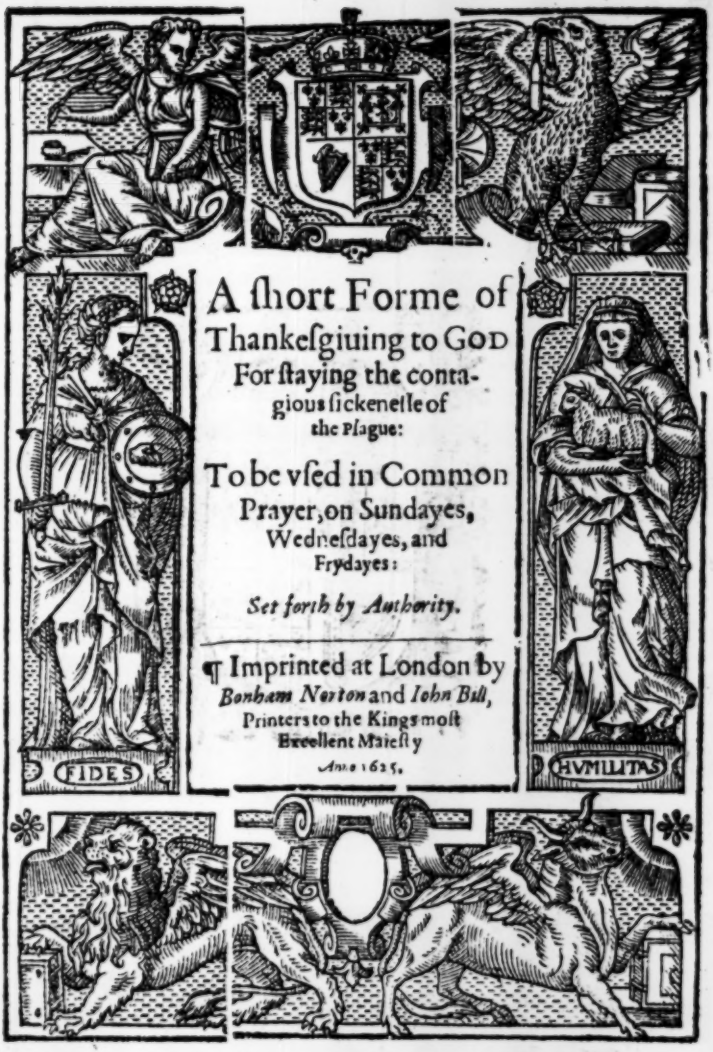

A ſhort Forme of Thankeſgiuing to God For ſtaying the contagious ſickenelle of the Plague:

To be vſed in Common Prayer, on Sundayes, Wedneſdayes, and Frydayes:

Set forth by Authority.

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Reade the ordinary Seruice till you come to the Pſalmes:

And in ſtead of thoſe Pſalmes which are appointed of courſe, reade ſome of theſe: *Viz.* 30, 34, 91, 103, 107, 116.

Then ſhal follow for the firſt Leſſon, *Iſaiah* 38. Or, 2. *Samuel* 24. beginning at the 16. Verſe: and ſo to the end of the Chapter.

For the ſecond Leſſon, the 5. of *Luke*, beginning at the 13. Verſe, to the end of the 26. Verſe.

The Pſalme.

¶ After the ſecond Leſſon, reade this Pſalme following.

1. Pſal. 85. LORD, thou art become gracious vnto thy Land, thou haſt turned away the afflictions of thy ſeruants.

2. Thou haſt taken away all thy diſpleaſure, and turned thy ſelfe from thy wrathfull indignation.

3. Pſal. 94. For if thou Lord hadſt not helped vs, it had not failed, but our ſoules had bin put to ſilence.

4. But when we ſaid our feete haue ſlipped, thy mercie, O Lord, helped vs vp.

5. In the multitude of the ſorrowes that we had in our hearts, thy comforts haue

haue refreſhed our ſoules.

Our ſoules waited ſtill vpon the Lord, our ſoules hanged vpon his helpe, our hope was alwayes in him. 6. Pſal.62.63.

In the Lords word did wee reioyce, in Gods word did wee comfort our ſelues. 7.

For the Lord ſaid: Call vpon mee in the time of trouble, and I will heare thee, and thou ſhalt prayſe me. 8. Pſal.50.

So when we were poore, needy, ſickly, and in heauineſſe, the Lord cared for vs: he was our helpe and our Sauiour according to his word. 9. Pſal.40.69.

In our aduerſitie and diſtreſſe hee hath lift vp our heads, and ſaued vs from vtter deſtruction. 10. Pſal.27.

Hee hath deliuered our ſoules from death, hee hath fed vs in the time of dearth, he hath ſaued vs from the noyſome Peſtilence. 11. Pſal.33.91.

It is of the Lords mercies that we are not conſumed, becauſe his compaſſions fayle not. 12. Lam.3.22.

Therefore will wee offer in his holy temple, the oblation of Thankeſgiuing 13. Pſal.27.

uing with great gladneſſe: We will ſing and ſpeake prayſes vnto the Lord our Sauiour.

14. Pſal.106. Wee will giue thankes vnto the Lord, for hee is gracious, and his mercie endureth for euer.

15. Pſal.86. 103. **The Lord is full of compaſſion and mercy, long ſuffring, plenteous in goodneſſe and pitie.**

16. Pſal.57. 108. His mercie is greater then the heauens, and his gracious goodneſſe reacheth vnto the cloudes.

17. Pſal.103. **Like as a father pitieth his owne children: euen ſo is the Lord mercifull vnto them that feare him.**

18. Pſal.71. Therefore will we prayſe thee and thy mercies, O God, vnto thee will we ſing, O thou holy One of Iſrael.

19. Pſal.98. **Wee will ſing a new ſong vnto thee, O God, wee will praiſe the Lord with Pſalmes of Thankſgiuing.**

20. Pſal.47. O ſing prayſes, ſing prayſes vnto our God: O ſing prayſes, ſing prayſes vnto our King.

21. **For God is the King of all the earth, ſing prayſes with vnderſtanding.**

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The Pſalme.

Wee will magnifie thee, O God our King, wee will praiſe thy Name for euer and euer. 22. Pſal. 145.

Euery day will we giue thanks vnto thee, and prayſe thy Name for euer and euer. 23.

Our mouth ſhall ſpeake the prayſes of the Lord, and let all fleſh giue thankes to his holy Name for euer and euer. 24.

Bleſſed bee the Lord God of Iſrael for euer: and bleſſed be the Name of his Maieſtie world without end. Amen, Amen. 25. Pſal. 21. 72.

Then ſhall follow the Creede.

I Beleeue in God the Father Almighty, maker of heauen and earth: and in Ieſus Chriſt his onely Sonne our Lord: &c.

The Lord be with you.

Anſwere.

And with thy Spirit.

And ſo forth, as in the booke of Common Prayer.

The first Collect.

ALmightie LORD, the Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, wee doe with all humblenesse confesse, that, as our sinnes haue surpassed the number and measure of the transgressions of our fathers; so thou hast most iustly and deseruedly laide vpon vs thy heauie hand, by sending a plague more dreadfull then hath beene felt in their dayes: Yea, in the very time of thy Visitation, whilest thy angry countenance was bent against vs, wee haue not performed that degree of repentance and humiliation, which so sharpe a scourge did call for at our hands; but rather in the middes of

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that danger, did holde on the same our former course of carnall securitie, and neglect of thy Commandements. Yet now (O gracious Lord) to thy glory, and our comfort, wee acknowledge thy vnspeakeable mercy, in staying the hand of thy destroying Angel, and restoring suddenly, beyond expectation, the voice of Ioy and Health in our habitations. It is thy goodnesse, and meere fauour to vs, that thou hast rather chosen to glorifie thy Mercy in sauing vs, then to magnifie thy Iustice in our destruction. Goe on, mercifull Lord, We beseech thee, continue and perfect this thy blessed worke of preseruation throughout euery Congregation and Family of this Kingdome: enlarge thy fauours to thy Church, our King, and State; enrich them with all inward and outward blessings: and giue vs such effectuall grace, that wee looking euery of vs into the plague of his owne heart, may abhorre our owne corruptions, & turne from our euill wayes, euermore ac-

knowledging, that thy long suffering calleth vs to repentance; that the prolonging of our dayes should be the breaking off of our sinnes; and that this restoring of health and safetie vnto thy people, is to worke in vs a perpetuall thankefulnesse both in word and obedience to thee, by the Merits and Intercession of thy blessed Sonne, by whose stripes wee are healed of the wounds and infection both of soule and body: To him our onely Saviour, with thee, and the holy Ghost, be all praise and glory. Amen.

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The ſecond Collect.

O Lord God of all power and might, wee magnifie and laude thy great mercy, that it hath pleaſed thee in this late dreadfull ſickneſſe, to ſpare our ſoules from death, whereby wee ſhould haue beene conſumed and brought to nothing. For theſe, and all other thy gracious fauors, wee preſent vnto thee our ſelues, our ſoules and bodies, in all thankefulneſſe and humilitie, beſeeching thee to continue this thy goodneſſe and preſeruation ouer vs, that being hurt by no calamities, wee may liue to doe thee ſeruice, and euermore giue thankes in thy holy Church, to thy great and bleſſed Name, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Amen.

¶ Then ſhall follow the Letany.

Then the Epiſtle and Goſpel.

The Epiſtle, the 2. to the *Corinthians* the 7. Chapter, beginning at the 8. Verſe, and ſo to the end of the 13. Verſe.

The Goſpel, *Luke* the 17. beginning at the 11. Verſe, to the end of the 19. Verſe.

Then

Thankeſgiuings.

Then reade ſome of theſe following.

WEe will magnifie thee, O GOD our King, and will praiſe thy Name for euer and euer: becauſe in the midſt of thine anger, thinking vpon mercy, thou haſt deliuered our ſoules from death, and preſerued vs from that noyſome peſtilence, Which not long ſince raged in the Land, ſweeping away the rich with the poore, the aged with the young, leauing whole houſes deſolate, and filling all places with dead bodies: So that there may be feare that thine indignation may continue among vs, and breake foorth into a further puniſhment. But becauſe thou wilt haue it knowen, that thou, O LORD, onely woundeſt and canſt heale againe, that thou killeſt and reuiueſt, bringeſt euen to hell and backe againe: Thou haſt vouch-

vouchsafed, contrary to all humane expectation (such is thy power and goodnesse) to command thine Angel to stay his hand, and spare vs: Wee therefore offer vp vnto thee a double sacrifice, at once, of heartie Thankesgiuing for this our strange deliuerance, and of humble and earnest Prayers, for all those that are yet afflicted, beseeching thee for thy Sonne Iesus Christ his sake, to be gracious vnto them and vs, that both they and we in ioynt affection, may acknowledge thy Iustice in thy punishments, and record thine infinite Mercies in sparing vs miserable sinners, through Iesus Christ thy Sonne, and our Sauiour, to whom, with thee, and the holy Ghost be all praise now and euer, Amen.

O most

Thankesgiuings.

Most gracious God, seeing it hath pleased thee in the multitude of those sorrowes which we had in our hearts, by reason of that grieuous contagion, lately spread among vs, to send thy comforts for the refreshing of our soules, and to remoone that fearefull pestilence from vs; not for any desert of ours, who are most wretched sinners; nor by any meanes of mans deuice, but onely of thine owne fauour, and for thy mercies sake: wee yeeld vnto thy diuine Maiestie all thankes and praise, for this thine especiall goodnesse, beseeching thee to giue vs grace, that by our transgressions we doe not further kindle thine indignation against vs: Grant this, O Lord, for thine onely Sonnes sake, Iesus Christ our Lord and onely Sauiour, Amen.

Or this.

ALmightie and eternall GOD, which strikest and healest, bringest downe to death, and quickenest againe, who in thy iust Iudgement for our sinnes diddest lately sore plague vs with great sicknesse and mortalitie; yet remembring thy mercy, hast turned thy selfe most graciously vnto vs, and comforted vs againe: We most humbly acknowledge with all due thankefulnesse from the bottome of our hearts, this thine exceeding gracious goodnes and vndeserued mercy, euermore praising thy great and glorious Name, for so Wonderfull grace and clemencie towards vs most vile and wretched sinners, so freely and mercifully extended; most humbly beseeching thee of thy fatherly goodnesse, not onely to continue this gracious course of

of thy louing fauour, in mitigating and leſſening more and more this noyſome Peſtilence, till it be cleane remoued from vs: But alſo to powre thy heauenly Grace into our hearts, that wee neuer forgetting how grieuouſly and iuſtly we haue beene chaſtened for our ſinnes, and yet in Mercy not conſumed, but raiſed vp againe and comforted, may learne thereby, both to feare thy dreadfull Iudgements againſt ſinne; and ſo by true Repentance to turne vnto thee from our Wicked Wayes, leſt a worſe Plague fall vpon vs; And alſo to put our Whole truſt in thy Mercy, and approch with confidence vnto thy Throne of Grace, for helpe and ſuccour in all our troubles and aduerſities, Euermore thanking and praiſing thy glorious Maieſty for this thy moſt mercifull and marueilous deliuerance, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord and Sauiour.

Almightie GOD, which art the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of them which liue, Who in thy displeasure carriest vs downe in a moment to the gates of death, and in thy Mercie recallest our Soules backe to dwell in the land of the liuing: Wee giue thee humble thankes, that it hath pleased thee to restore vs when wee were almost past hope, to strengthen vs in the extremitie of our weakenesse, to deliuer vs from the Contagion, when in the eye of mans reason it was most likely to haue increased. This wee acknowledge to be thy doing, O Lord, and it is wonderfull in our eyes, which haue seene these thy great Mercies, surpassing the strength of our hope: and wee beseech thee to continue thy gracious goodnesse towards vs still, whereby all the world may see and know, that thou art our mercifull Father,

ther, and wonderfull Deliuerer, to the glory of thy holy Name, and to the comfort of vs thy children, through Iesus Christ our Lord.

THe peace of God which passeth all vnderstanding, keepe your hearts and mindes in the knowledge, and loue of God, and of his Sonne Iesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almightie, the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remaine with you alwayes.
Amen.

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